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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 67.5 degrees, 0.5 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 14. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches, 0.79 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 15 points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 12. This is 0.6 days less than last year but 0.3 days more than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	6.3	1.7	86.7
2002	6.9	6.8	112.1
1998-2002 Average	6.0	6.4	116.2

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	4	83	13
Last Week	0	0	56	44
Same Week Last Year	70	26	4	0
1998-2002 Average	30	30	37	3

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Ninety-eight percent of **Corn** is in dough. This is two days ahead of last year, but slightly behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate corn at 71 percent dented. This is the same as last year but five days behind the five-year average.

Six percent of corn is mature, compared to 22 percent last year and 27 percent for the five-year average. Farmers have 27 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is eight days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Twenty-four percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is four days behind 2002 and eight days behind the 1998-2002 average. Soybeans are three percent mature. This is nine days behind last year and 11 days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 82 percent complete and the forth cutting is 26 percent complete. The second cutting of **Other hay** is 98 percent complete and the third cutting is 49 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 68 percent of their crops harvested. This is eight days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 17 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 21 percent in 2002. The **Grape** harvest is 10 percent complete. Vegetable growers have harvested 90 percent of their **Cucumbers**. This is two days ahead of 2002 but six days behind the five-year average. Forty-six percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is six days behind 2002, and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average.

With the exception of a few storms this past weekend, weather conditions were ideal for field work last week. The corn and soybean harvest has started on a limited basis. Producers prepared storage facilities for the fall harvest and fruit growers harvested apples. Farmers cut and baled hay, chopped silage and harvested tobacco. Vegetable growers harvested sweet corn, squash, tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers and peppers. Aquaculture farms are harvesting freshwater shrimp and many wheat farmers are preparing their fields for fall planting.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 67 percent good to excellent condition compared to 12 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 73 percent good to excellent compared to 3 percent in 2002. Pastures and hay conditions are reported to be the best in years.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	82	95	93	67	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	26	35	40	12	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	17	21	23	12	NA
Corn in dough	98	96	99	93	95
Corn dented	71	71	84	49	74
Corn mature	6	22	27	2	23
Corn Silage harvested	27	51	43	11	NA
Cucumbers harvested	90	88	94	74	NA
Grapes harvested	10	33	34	5	NA
Other hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	98	100	100	93	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	49	66	70	38	NA
Potatoes harvested	68	59	67	50	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	46	61	63	23	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	24	42	53	12	16
Soybeans mature	3	16	17	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	24	45	22
Previous Week	2	6	22	48	22
Previous Year	28	31	29	11	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	30	46	12
Previous Week	5	11	26	45	13
Previous Year	27	34	30	8	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	21	54	19
Previous Week	2	4	19	53	22
Previous Year	47	32	18	3	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	27	46	16
Previous Week	3	7	25	49	16
Previous Year	25	33	32	9	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.5	2.3	0.00	-0.84	25.53	6.91	114	-2	2504	-82
North Central	67.7	1.3	0.00	-0.83	23.69	4.55	106	-11	2488	-58
Northeast	65.9	0.7	0.00	-1.01	28.97	9.24	97	-14	2289	-111
West Central	68.5	1.3	0.00	-0.81	28.99	8.81	115	-8	2642	-48
Central	67.9	0.5	0.00	-0.80	26.16	5.65	109	-15	2688	-27
Central Hills	66.8	0.9	0.00	-0.84	25.47	5.02	102	-14	2496	-27
Northeast Hills	65.9	-0.4	0.00	-0.78	26.55	6.28	97	-21	2521	-37
Southwest	69.0	0.5	0.00	-0.81	28.43	7.11	115	-16	2778	-55
South Central	67.7	-0.9	0.01	-0.60	30.84	10.62	107	-25	2855	-9
Southeast	66.5	-0.8	0.00	-0.66	27.29	6.81	100	-24	2672	-29
STATE	67.5	0.5	0.00	-0.79	27.27	7.17	107	-15	2606	-48

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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